

NRO review(s) completed.

31 August 1970

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Dear Gene:

I am in the throes of doing research for the DD/S&T over-all Directorate history, and as a part of that I am trying to do a chronology of the relations with that organization you were attached to across the river between '63 and '65. It is amazing how hard it has been to dig up documentation on various policy decisions made during those years. I suppose a good bit of what went on was so highly censored that it was like "burn before reading."

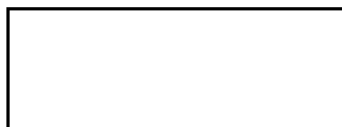
I certainly would appreciate it if you have time to scribble your best recollections concerning the enclosed questions -- in such a way that S-----y wouldn't get excited!

I enclose a self-addressed envelope for return to my home address.

What are you doing to my life savings up there at UAC? My hopes for early retirement are absolutely blasted!

Thanks for any help you can give on the questions.

Best regards,



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1. What was reaction when you talked to PFIAB at time you asked to be relieved (July 1964)?

OBTAINUSLY YOU WOULD HAVE REACTIONS 7 PFIAB MEMBERS - IT WAS 'THANKS.' I DON'T RECALL ANY CONCLUSIONS OR OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN MY PRESENCE.

2. Who persuaded you to stay on and keep the franchise and what leverage was used, with what hope for a better future arrangement? (Did Nov. 1964 Presidential election have anything to do with it?)

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THE PFIAB WAS GOING TO MAKE OUR LIVES LIVABLE, & THE EX COM WAS TO BIND UP OUR WOUNDS. RUBIN ALSO INFLUENCED ME TO STAY.

3. What were the main developments between the time you agreed to hold on, and the time you left in February 1965? -- from your point of view.

THE MAIN DEVELOPMENT WAS A WORSENING OF THE PREVIOUS SITUATION. THE ANTAGONISM BETWEEN THE THEN UNDER SECRETARY & THE THEN DDST CERTAINLY DID NOT LESSEN. MY UTILIZATION BY THE UNDER SECRETARY REMAINED LOW; I BECAME EXCLUDED FROM DDST COUNCILS. THE MOST USEFUL THING I DID WAS TO TRY TO KEEP UP THE MORALE OF THE FEW OTHER AGENCY PEOPLE ASSIGNED TO THAT OFFICE.

United Aircraft

Date *4 Sept.*

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To:

I hope these answers will help you. A lot of decisions & actions were never documented.

Re the stock - if I had vac I'd sell on strength & buy Texas Instr. on weakness. This industry will not keep up with GNP over next 10 years.

Regards to Bob & all.

Do you know what happened to a proposed agreement between NRO and JCS (proposal made by the McMillan/Gilpatrick side) which went through several drafts between April and September 1963, and which originally called for an Air Operations Center with Steakley of JRC in charge in a "staff" capacity to D/NRO? Was it ever put into force, or was it just dropped about the time of the JFK assassination?

The story as I picked it up was that the proposal remained as just that, a draft, and went no further. Apparently Steakley was more of a pusher on this one than any one else. I don't know exactly when it was dropped - or whether related to the change after the assassination. Do you know I may help here even more.

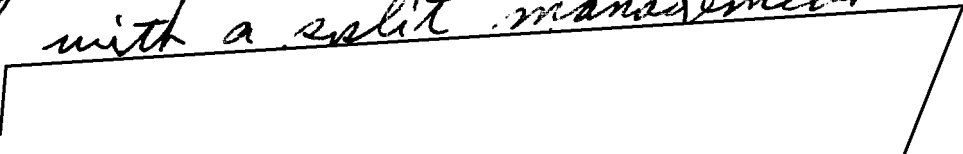
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Was the Gilpatric/McMillan proposal for an "NRP Review Committee" which was put forward in Nov/Dec 1963 ever formalized? (Dr. Wheelon opposed it strongly because of the proposed subordination of himself and Fubini to McMillan, whose programs they were supposed to monitor on behalf of the DCI and SecDef.)

I heard of this one also - that it was clearly dropped like a hot potatoe.

Here again Art may help.

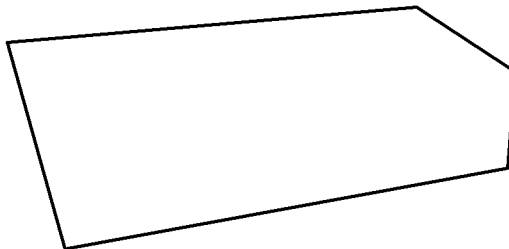
Could you list for me what you consider the principal developments (policywise) which took place during your tour over in NRO.

1. Grounding of the "O" - incidentally - last month Bill Zieher of Budget admitted it was the wrong decision.
2. Going with a split management concept on 

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I'm not doing very good - I can see - was a rather quiet period - but we held our own. I'd be glad to talk to you on these - and will try to call you and arrange it this week -

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